

CLAIMS

1 A license management method of performing management of license used in a contents distribution service in which contract of one channel is made so that plural contents distributed via the one channel are permitted to be utilized,

the license management method comprising:

offering, to an information processing apparatus which accepts an offer of contents, a first license which prescribes utilization condition of the entirety of plural contents distributed via the one channel; and

offering, to the information processing apparatus, along with contents, a second license which prescribes, in a manner different from the first license, utilization condition every contents,

whereby in the case where the utilization condition prescribed by the first license and the utilization condition prescribed by the second license are both satisfied, the contents which have been offered along with the second license are permitted to be utilized at the information processing apparatus.

2 An information processing apparatus adapted for processing contents provided by a contents distribution service in which contract of one channel is made so that plural contents distributed via the one channel are permitted to be utilized,

the information processing apparatus comprising:

first acquisition means for acquiring a first license which prescribes utilization condition of the entirety of plural contents distributed via the one channel;

second acquisition means for acquiring, along with contents, a second license which is provided in a manner different from the first license and prescribes utilization condition every contents; and

control means for controlling output of the contents which have been provided along with the second license in the case where the utilization condition prescribed by the first license and the utilization condition prescribed by the second license are both satisfied.

3 The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 2,

wherein the first acquisition means serves to acquire the first license provided in the state encrypted by a public-key corresponding to a secret-key to be prepared.

4 The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 2,

wherein the control means decodes, by using first key information provided along with the first license, second key information provided in the state encrypted along with the second license to decode encryption implemented to the contents by the second key information thus decoded.

5 The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 2, further comprising:

license management means for allowing any other information processing apparatus to permit utilization of the contents which have been provided along with the second license within the scope where the utilization condition prescribed by the first license and the utilization condition prescribed by the second license are both satisfied.

6 The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 2,

wherein in the case where plural contents are distributed via the one channel successively in terms of time, the second acquisition means serves to acquire, during distribution of the first contents, the second license which prescribes utilization condition of second contents distributed subsequently to first contents, and the control means controls output of the second contents so that the second contents are outputted subsequently to the first contents in the case where the utilization condition prescribed by the first license and the utilization condition prescribed by the second license which prescribes the utilization condition of the second contents, which has been acquired by the second acquisition means, are both satisfied.

7 An information processing method of processing contents provided by a contents distribution service in which contract of one channel is made so that plural contents distributed via the one channel are permitted to be utilized,

the information processing method comprising:

a first acquisition step of acquiring a first license which prescribes

utilization condition of the entirety of plural contents via the one channel;

a second acquisition step of acquiring, along with contents, a second license which is provided in a manner different from the first license and prescribes utilization condition every contents; and

a control step of controlling output of the contents provided along with the second license in the case where the utilization condition prescribed by the first license and the utilization condition prescribed by the second license are both satisfied.

8 A program for allowing computer to execute processing of contents provided by a contents distribution services in which contract of one channel is made so that plural contents distributed via the one channel are permitted to be utilized,

the program comprising:

a first acquisition step of acquiring a first license which prescribes utilization condition of the entirety of plural contents distributed via the one channel;

a second acquisition step of acquiring, along with contents, a second license which is provided in a manner different from the first license and prescribes utilization condition every the contents; and

a control step of controlling output of the contents which have been provided along with the second license in the case where the utilization

condition prescribed by the first license and the utilization condition prescribed by the second license are both satisfied.